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Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: Mr. MSELLE

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The meeting was called to order at 10.35 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 17: APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES IN SUBSIDIARY ORGANS AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS (continued)

1. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to rule 92 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly concerning elections and to paragraph 16 of decision 34/401 concerning the election of members of subsidiary organs.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS (continued) (A/49/101 and Add.1; A/C.5/49/16)

2. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to rules 155 and 156 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint five persons to fill the vacancies which would arise in the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on 31 December 1994. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/49/16), seven persons had been nominated by their Governments. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States, respectively, was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to elect them by acclamation. A vote would be taken by secret ballot in the case of the Group of African States.

3. It was so decided.

4. Mr. AL-MASRI (Syrian Arab Republic), Mr. Barac (Romania) and Mr. Maycock (Barbados) were elected members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

5. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of African States.

6. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Riva (Argentina) and Mr. Mihai (Romania) acted as tellers.

7. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	168
Number of valid ballots:	168
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	167
Required majority:	84

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania)	127
Mr. Maiga (Mali)	75

Mr. Ould Mohamed Mahmoud (Mauritania) 74
Mr. Kazembe (Zambia) 51

8. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Mselle (United Republic of Tanzania) was elected a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

9. The CHAIRMAN said that, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Committee would proceed to a second secret ballot to elect the remaining member from the Group of African States.

10. Mr. OULD MOHAMED MAHMOUD (Mauritania) said that he was withdrawing his candidacy.

11. The CHAIRMAN said that he would then take it that the Committee wished to elect Mr. Maiga (Mali) by acclamation.

12. It was so decided.

13. Mr. Maiga (Mali) was elected a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS (A/49/102; A/C.5/49/17)

14. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to rules 158 and 159 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and said that the Assembly needed to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies which would arise in the Committee on Contributions on 31 December 1994. According to the Secretary-General's note (A/C.5/49/17) eight persons had been nominated by their Governments. Since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of African States and the Group of Western European and Other States, respectively, was equal to the number of vacancies for each group, he took it that the Committee wished to elect those candidates by acclamation. A vote would be taken by secret ballot in the case of the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States.

15. It was so decided.

16. Mr. Etuket (Uganda) and Mr. Grant (United States of America) were elected members of the Committee on Contributions.

17. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Asian States.

18. Mr. ONURSAL (Turkey), speaking on behalf of the Group of Asian States said that the candidacies of Mr. Singh (India) and Mr. Menon (Singapore) had been endorsed by the Group.

19. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs. Gounaris (Belgium) and Mr. Elzimaity (Egypt) acted as tellers.

20. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	171
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	170
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	170
Required majority:	86

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Menon (Singapore)	136
Mr. Kawai (Japan)	115
Mr. Singh (India)	80

21. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. Kawai (Japan) and Mr. Menon (Singapore) were elected members of the Committee on Contributions.

22. The CHAIRMAN invited the Committee to elect by secret ballot two members from the Group of Eastern European States.

23. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Fattah (Egypt) and Ms. Stude (Finland) acted as tellers.

24. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	172
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	171
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	170
Required majority:	86

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Blukis (Latvia)	114
Mr. Goumenny (Ukraine)	111
Mrs. Denkova-Teneva (Bulgaria)	106

25. Mr. Blukis (Latvia) and Mr. Goumenny (Ukraine) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that they should be appointed as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

(c) APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF AUDITORS (A/49/103 and A/C.5/49/18)

26. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.5/49/18, in which the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that the United Kingdom Government had nominated the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United

Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for reappointment to the Board of Auditors. Since there was only one candidate for the vacant post, he took it that the Committee wished to take a decision by acclamation.

27. It was so decided.

28. The Committee decided to recommend that the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, should be reappointed to the Board of Auditors for a three-year term beginning on 1 July 1995.

(d) CONFIRMATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE (A/49/104; A/C.5/49/19)

29. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.5/49/19, in which the Secretary-General submitted for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of three members of the Investments Committee. He took it that the Committee wished to take a decision by acclamation.

30. It was so decided.

31. The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Abdullatif (Saudi Arabia), Mr. de Andrade Faria (Brazil) and Mr. Raczkowski (Poland) to the Investments Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

(e) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (A/49/105; A/C.5/49/20)

32. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.5/49/20, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of three persons nominated by their Governments for appointment or reappointment to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal. Since the number of candidates was equal to the number of vacancies, he took it that the Committee wished to take a decision by acclamation.

33. It was so decided.

34. The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Balanda (Zaire), Mr. Sen (India) and Mr. Thierry (France) to the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

(f) INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

(i) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION (A/49/106 and A/C.5/49/21)

35. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.5/49/21, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of five persons nominated by their regional groups for appointment or reappointment to the International Civil Service Commission. Since the number of candidates was

equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, he took it that the Committee wished to take a decision by acclamation.

36. It was so decided.

37. The Committee decided to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia), Mrs. Daddah (Mauritania), Mr. Pirson (Belgium), Mr. Riha (Czech Republic) and Mr. Vegega (Argentina) to the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1995.

(ii) DESIGNATION OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION (A/C.5/49/21/Add.1)

38. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/49/21/Add.1), which contained the curricula vitae of the two candidates for the posts of Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission and the sole candidate for the post of Vice-Chairman. He invited the Committee to elect the Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission by secret ballot.

39. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Rivas (Argentina) and Mr. Mihai (Romania) acted as tellers.

40. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	170
Number of valid ballots:	170
Abstentions:	1
Number of members voting:	169
Required majority:	85

Number of votes obtained:

Mr. Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia)	98
Mr. Sbih (Algeria)	71

41. Mr. Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia) having obtained the required majority, the Committee decided to recommend that he should be designated Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

42. The CHAIRMAN said that, since there was only one candidate for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Commission, he took it that the Committee wished to take a decision by acclamation.

43. It was so decided.

44. The Committee decided to recommend the designation of Mr. Vegega (Argentina) as Vice-Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

(g) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE (A/49/107 and A/C.5/49/22)

45. The CHAIRMAN drew attention to document A/C.5/49/22, in which the Secretary-General communicated to the General Assembly the names of six persons nominated by their Governments for appointment or reappointment to the United Nations Staff Pension Committee. Since there were no candidates for two of the vacancies, one to be filled by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States and the other by the Group of Asian States, he suggested that the Committee should defer the election in respect of those two vacancies.

46. It was so decided.

47. The CHAIRMAN said that he took it that the Committee wished to take a decision by acclamation in respect of the other vacancies.

48. It was so decided.

49. The Committee decided to recommend the appointment or reappointment of Mr. Inomata (Japan), Mr. Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Mr. Owade (Kenya), Mrs. Shearouse (United States of America), Mr. Stitt (United Kingdom) and Mr. Zahid (Morocco) as members and alternate members of the Staff Pension Committee for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

The meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.